

# New Technical Manager for ALLMI

ALLMI has recently announced that it will soon begin the recruitment process to find a dedicated, full time technical manager for the association.



ALLMI is looking for a technical director

As part of a restructuring process, the ALLMI technical manager will replace the technical director, a part time position. ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said:

"Having a full time Technical Manager will significantly improve the service we are able to

offer members in relation to their technical enquiries. In addition, the person appointed will chair the ALLMI technical committee meetings and undertake any technical projects, as well as playing a role in the auditing of member companies and training providers." Alan Johnson, formerly ALLMI's commercial director, has agreed to temporarily take over the technical director's role, with one of his main duties being to manage the recruitment process.

## Preferred Supplier for Oil & Lubricants

At the recent general meetings EMO Oil, Shell's largest UK distributor, delivered presentations on the wide range of quality oils and lubricants that it can provide at extremely competitive prices, as part of a newly formed agreement with ALLMI. EMO will also offer members a range of additional products and services including spill containment products and absorbents, telemarketing support, technical updates, assistance with legislation compliance, training/seminars, and national waste collection services, which include site surveys and which extend to products other than oil, e.g. filters, batteries, etc.

Alan Johnson, the ALLMI director responsible

for negotiating the agreement, said: "The agreement with EMO can provide extensive benefits for members. Not only does it give them access to top end oil and lubricant products at a competitive rate, but the peripheral services that members can take advantage of should prove invaluable to any business. The EMO sales team will now be contacting members to discuss their requirements and we look forward to seeing ALLMI's relationship with EMO developing significantly over the coming months."



## ALLMI general meetings

The recent ALLMI general meetings for both manufacturers/service companies and fleet owners on the 8th October included updates on standardisation and legislation from Mike Hodson of the British Standards Institution and on oil and lubricants from Steve Perriam of EMO Oil. On the 23rd October, Operators' Forum members received presentations from Robert Nell of Shell on Fuel Stretch lubricants, Kevin Taylor of Liquid

Management Solutions on Safe and Fuel Efficient Driving, and Martin Dean of the Road Haulage Association on Driver CPC and fixed penalty legislation.

ALLMI executive director, Tom Wakefield, said: "we try to make the general meetings as informative as possible, as we see them as yet another means of keeping members up to date on any issues that are affecting the industry."

ALLMI is heavily involved in the revision to BS7121-PART 4 Lorry Loaders



## Update on BS7121 Part 4 - 'Lorry Loaders'

Throughout 2008, representatives of ALLMI have been working with representatives of the Construction Plant-Hire Association, the Modular & Portable Building Association, and the Health & Safety Executive, in order to produce a new draft of 'BS7121 The Code of Practice for the Safe Use of Cranes - Part 4: Lorry Loaders'.

Significant progress has been made since the working group held its inaugural meeting in January, and the intention is to have the first draft ready for submission to the British Standards Institution (BSI) by early 2009. ALLMI executive director, Tom Wakefield, said: "We're very pleased with the progress of the revision so far and I think the make-up of the working group has proved invaluable. With such a high level of expertise and experience from all areas of the lorry loader industry, we feel that the new Standard, when eventually published, will accurately reflect the changes that have taken place with regard to legislation and product development since the current Part 4 was written. The introduction of various categories of lift should provide much needed clarity in this area of lifting operations, and should enable a more proportional approach to lift planning and risk assessing. However, ultimately the success of the project will rely on the industry adopting the Standard and interpreting it correctly, and as the industry association, ensuring that this happens will be one of our main aims once the standard is released."

## Board appointment for Operators' Forum chairman



Steve Frazer-Brown

ALLMI recently informed its members that the chairman of the Operator's Forum will in future have a seat on the ALLMI board of directors. ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: "We see this as a very positive step forward for the association, appointing the Operators' Forum chairman as a director of the company should improve the flow of information throughout the association and bring the two divisions of ALLMI much closer together.

In addition, we'll be looking to the Operators' Forum chairman to assist with the development of the buyers co-operative in relation to any products or services that would benefit Forum members."

The current Operators' Forum chairman,

Steve Frazer-Brown will attend the next ALLMI board meeting in December.

He says "I am honoured to be invited on to the ALLMI board and believe it will bring about an even closer relationship between manufacturers, importers, service

companies and end users. Under the stewardship of the current board there is no doubt that ALLMI has increased its strength in recent years and I believe this appointment is a natural progression in developing the association further."

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